

A Note on this Issue of The Chimes

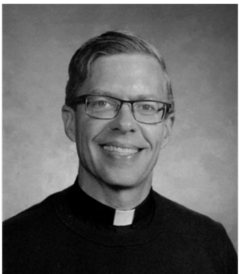
You will notice that the January/February issue of *The Chimes* looks a little different than what you are used to seeing. As we begin 2026, our parish newsletter is in a time of transition following the departure of our longtime editor for personal reasons.

During this period, the format, length, and overall presentation of *The Chimes* may vary as we determine the best path forward for sharing parish news and information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these changes.

While adjustments are being made, our commitment to keeping parishioners informed remains the same. We also plan to continue offering a memorial and honor section in some form for those who wish to support *The Chimes* in remembrance or celebration of loved ones. *The Chimes* can also be found on our parish website at stcharleslima.org, under the "About Us" tab.

Thank you for your continued generosity, encouragement, and care for St. Charles Parish. Your support makes it possible for us to continue this important ministry of communication, and we look forward to sharing parish news with you in the months ahead.



Fr. Kent Kaufman

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometimes the timing does go as planned. That was the case with our Christmas gift for all who came and offered the holy sacrifice of the Mass this Christmas at St. Charles.

Weeks before Christmas I had ordered 2,000 prayer cards from the Sisters of Life in New York. Apparently that was a rather large order which prompted a call to say that they just barely had enough to fulfill the order. They assured me they would arrive before Christmas.

Well, as of 3:00 pm when I went over to church to prepare for the first Mass at 4:00 pm they had not yet

arrived. I explained during the Mass what had happened and why "Santa" had no holy cards to share this Christmas.

When I returned to the rectory for a simple Christmas evening supper between the two Masses, what did I find? The package from the sisters had arrived! The large box was brimming with the prayer cards I had ordered weeks prior. Yes, the Sisters of Life are true to their word!

Unfortunately, Fr. Bertholy did not realize when he brought the package into the rectory what it was. Yet, I know that God always has a larger plan than the one I am plotting. So, rather than share these prayer cards on the first day of the Christmas season, we will share them on the last day of the season, The Baptism of the Lord. This year, that feast (three Sundays after Christmas) falls on Sunday, January 11. If you are reading this prior to that date, please come and offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass that weekend and receive the gift!

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...Speaking of gifts, I want to clear up an honest mistake which occurred at Mass when Fr. David Kidd was taking the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28/29. In the course of the homily he asked Fr. Bertholy if I had given him a Christmas gift this year. Fr. Bertholy answered, "No!"

Please know the correct answer is "YES!" The accompanying photo proves it! In fact, I thought I found the perfect gift to share with him. The sweatshirt quotes the Ohio State alma mater, "How firm thy friendship!" Now he is an official Buckeye! I also hope he realizes that I treasure our priestly friendship.



Then, to clear up why he said "no" to Fr. Kidd's question, he confessed that it was a language barrier—not an intentional lie!

As we enter into this new year of the Lord 2026, I hope that you will be ready to receive the generosity of the Lord in your life. The gifts can come in any form, at any time, and from God at work in anyone around us.

I would like to take this time to thank Cathy Huber who has for many years carefully organized and carried through the production of *The Chimes* so beautifully for us six times a year. She was unable to organize this January issue, so please bear with us if it looks different or does not have its typical flair! We have certainly learned how much goes into producing these issues—it doesn't come together on its own!

Since I am writing this letter a few days after Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many liturgical ministers who went over and above to make our Christmas liturgies beautiful and hospitable. The list certainly includes our musicians

and singers (who started rehearsing several weeks prior), sacristans, lectors, altar servers, ushers, and greeters. We would be amiss if we forgot the banner crew and flower power people who made the church (inside and out) look festive and inviting. Finally, let's not overlook our regular maintenance personnel who keep things tidy and clean!

I would also like to recognize the hard work with our outreach ministries in the lead-up to Christmas. Thanks to the Stolly family and a whole new roster of volunteers and leaders, Give-A-Christmas was there to help feed the hungry in our community. Christian Corner Community Center, under the dedicated leadership of Maureen Kaskel and so many volunteers from within our parish and beyond, was there to make Christmas merry and bright thanks to the donations from our Advent Tree of Hope. Of course St. Vincent de Paul, Connecting Borders, and so many other great efforts have helped ease the burden families face this time of year.

In closing, I want to also give a "shout out" to the many ministry leaders at work year-round in our parish. Whether it's the Men's Encounter Group currently planning our Parish Mission in March that you won't want to miss, or our Women's Walking with Purpose leaders who continue to lead us deeper into the mystery of our faith we have much to be grateful for this past year.

In a particular way, I want to thank those who have gone through the formation to become adult mentors for our youth small groups with the Live Jesus Ministries. I have heard so many positive things from youth and adults alike about this new approach to youth ministry that moves away from large group events to regular ongoing small group discipleship. Whether you happen to be an adult or youth, if interested, just inquire about how you can get onboard. We have new groups forming throughout the year and those interested in becoming mentors have formation courses available throughout the year as well.

Fr. Kent

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

**Ash Wednesday Mass
8:00am, SCCS K-8**

**Service of Word & Ashes
12:15pm**

**Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00pm**



New Parishioners

Matthew Arend
Phillip & Ana Venturella
Michael & Gwyn Daley
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Marianne Youngpeter
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Newly Baptized

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Odera Arinze Ezema

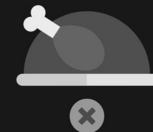
In Memoriam

Clayton "Nick" Donley
Margarita Madley
Angelene Guidiera

THE BEGINNING OF LENT



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST

Ash
Wednesday

Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash
Wednesday

All Fridays
of Lent

Good
Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged

14 to 59



The sick are excused
from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone



Parish Mission 2026

Save the Date! The 2026 Parish Mission will be March 22-24. This year the mission will take place over the course of 3 days at St. Charles. The theme this year is "Unity as a Journey of the Heart". The featured speaker will be Deacon Art Miller. We hope you will join us for a time of strengthening each other as soldiers for Christ. Here is more of a breakdown of each day:

Day 1 – Healing the Divided Heart

- Recognizing our own brokenness and need for God's unifying grace.
- Theme: *"That they may be one in us"*(John 17:21).
- Message: Unity begins with personal conversion and reconciliation with God.

Day 2 – Breaking Down the Walls

- Facing divisions of race, class, and history with the Gospel of reconciliation.
- Theme: *"We, though many, are one body in Christ"*(Romans 12:5).
- Message: Christ calls us to see beyond barriers and live as one family.

Day 3 – Building Bridges of Hope

- Commissioning participants to become bridge-builders in their families, parishes, and communities.
- Theme: *"Blessed are the peacemakers"*(Matthew 5:9).
- Message: True unity leads us outward in mission, building the Kingdom of God.

If you'd like to see a video from Deacon Art Miller about what he'll be speaking about at St. Charles, use the QR code above or link below.



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To build a community of faith
united with Christ in the Eucharist, living as
disciples, sharing God's love and grace.

PARISH INFORMATION

The various activities and ministries of the parish
will be posted to our parish website at
stcharleslima.org and to social media. Our FaceBook
page is St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church-Lima

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Chimes is to foster
parish unity, to promote Christian ideals,
and to publish newsworthy events within
the Parish community.



THE CHIMES

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Anointing of the Sick

Illness and suffering are a fact of life, and the Church walks alongside those who are sick, undergoing treatment for illness or are dying. We know that in Christ Jesus, we have a God who understands human suffering, as He Himself suffered.

In earlier times, the Church reserved anointing for those at the point of death. However, a deeper understanding of human frailty and the healing brought about by this sacrament means that the Anointing of the Sick is now offered to anyone undergoing a serious illness, those facing surgery, the elderly and those who are dying.

The priest lays his hands on the person receiving this sacrament, then anoints them with blessed oil. The Church asks that God give strength to the person who is sick and that they be more closely united with Christ in their suffering. Healing, if it is God's will, is requested as well. The Church offers particular solace to those who are dying.

If you or a loved one desire to receive this sacrament, please call the Parish Office at 419-228-7635.

Sacramental Information

Baptisms

Welcome to the Church family! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism at least a month in advance. If this is your first child's baptism, there is required preparation. You are welcome to begin this before the birth of your child.

Marriage

Recently engaged? Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired date to reserve the church and begin your preparations with the Pastor.

OCIA

Those adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), please contact Chris Jones at jonesc@stcharleslima.org. You can also call 419-228-7635, ext 3012.

Care of the Sick and Elderly

Parishioners who are confined to their homes and wish to receive Communion, please call the Parish Office.



SMALL GROUPS

For Middle School & High School Teens



St. Charles Borromeo

SIGN-UP FOR THE TRAVELING CHALICE



*Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera,
tap the link, choose a date — and you're all set!*

Pray for vocations!

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In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the makeup date is March 28th.
To register, visit: <https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/caretakers-retreat>

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